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Sir:

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08. To the best of undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-referenced application.

Further, each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed documents are attached.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language documents.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English document JP 2002-99906, an English language version of a Official Action from the Japanese Patent Office in a corresponding application citing this document and setting forth the relevance thereof is enclosed.

English Abstracts of the remaining documents are enclosed.

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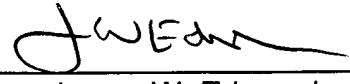
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